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**EX PARTE**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20054

**Re: CS Docket No. 98-120**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 11, 2003, Geraldine Laybourne, Chairman & CEO of Oxygen Media, Inc., and Jill Lockett of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association met with Commissioner Adelstein and the Commissioner's Advisor for Media Issues, Johanna Mikes. During that meeting, Ms. Laybourne described how cable program networks must present cable operators with a compelling product in order to gain carriage and how such a system ensures consumers receive a wide array of high quality programming. She argued that broadcasters should not be given another advantage over cable programmers by requiring cable operators to carry broadcasters' analog *and* digital signals during the transition or to carry broadcasters' multicast digital signals after the transition.

Any questions may be address to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Jill Lockett**

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cc: Commissioner Adelstein  
Johanna Mikes